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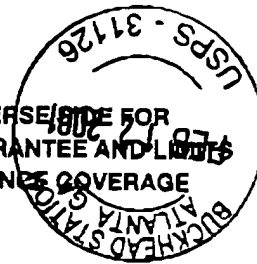
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(if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)International Application No.
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12.08.98 (12 August 1998)

Title of Invention

NIMESULIDE CONTAINING TOPICAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
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6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
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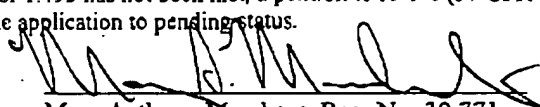
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